

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A balloon catheter having a balloon disposed upon an elongate shaft near a relatively rigid distal insertion tip, a fluid lumen for fluid communication with a body cavity and an inflation lumen for fluid communication with the balloon. The balloon holds the catheter tip within a body cavity such as the stomach for long-term enteral feeding. The balloon is configured such that upon inflation, the balloon distends distally to cover the distal tip thus insulating it from sensitive anatomy.

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